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# Re-Entry Update

## ADOC Goals for Prisoner Reentry

-  Decrease the overall prison recidivism rates and overcrowding
-  Promote public safety for the general community
-  Reunite parents and children
-  Decrease public health and social disparities within the offender populations
-  Offer referral linkages to inmates and ex-offenders transitioning back into the community

## Institutional Pre Release Program and Transitional Services

*If you are within 60-90 days of your EOS date or your parole consideration date – please see your Institutional Designee about the monthly Pre Release Program and Transitional Resources available in your county.*

### Life Enrichment Modules Covered:

**"Clean and Sober" –**  
*A New Way of Live*

**"Project I.N.V.E.S.T."**  
*Initiating Necessary Vocational, Economic Security Training*

**"Project H.E.A.L."**  
*Helping Everyone Acquire Love*

**"Project H.E.L.P."**  
*Health Education for Living Proper*

**"Project B.R.I.D.G.E."**  
*Bringing Resources, Information, Direction, Guidance and Encouragement*

**"Project R.I.D.E."**  
*Renewing Information/Documentation Effectively*

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## Department of Human Resources

### "Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights"



Parents have the right to be represented by counsel in juvenile dependency hearings. The termination of parental rights hearings is the final hearing in a dependency case. If the parents are indigent they are entitled to appointed counsel. The parents have to advise the trial judge that they desire the assistance of an attorney. The parents must also advise the trial judge if they are not financially able to obtain the assistance of an attorney and request a form C-10, Affidavit of Substantial Hardship and Order. When the affidavit is completed by the parent and returned to the trial judge, the judge will determine if the parent is indigent and if so, the judge will order the appointment of an attorney.

According to case law, due process rights of incarcerated parents include notice of the petition, a hearing, representation by counsel and an opportunity to present testimony by deposition. Due process does not require the presence of an incarcerated parent at the hearing.

Parental rights can be terminated if the court finds from clear and convincing evidence that the parents are unable or unwilling to discharge their responsibilities to and for the child or that the conduct or condition of the parent is such as to render them unable to properly care for the child and that such conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. In determining whether or not the parents are unable or unwilling to discharge their responsibilities to and for the child, the court is provided by statute numerous factors to consider, which include but are not limited to, whether the parent had been convicted of and imprisoned for a felony; whether there are unexplained serious physical injuries to a child under such circumstances as would indicate that such injuries resulted from the intentional conduct or willful neglect; whether the parent has failed to provide for the material needs of the child or pay a reasonable portion of support where the parent was able to do so and the failure by the parent to maintain consistent contact or communication with the child.

*For more information about "Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights" – please write your county DHR Office.*



## Alabama Department of Public Health (Medical Screenings and Referrals, Health Education and Family Services)

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICES OFFERED:

*Cancer Detection*

*Emergency Preparedness*

*HIV/STD Screenings*

*Maternal and Child Health*

*Family Planning*

*Immunizations*

*Tuberculosis and Hepatitis Screenings*

*Home Health and Nursing Care*

*Diabetes and Hypertension Screenings*

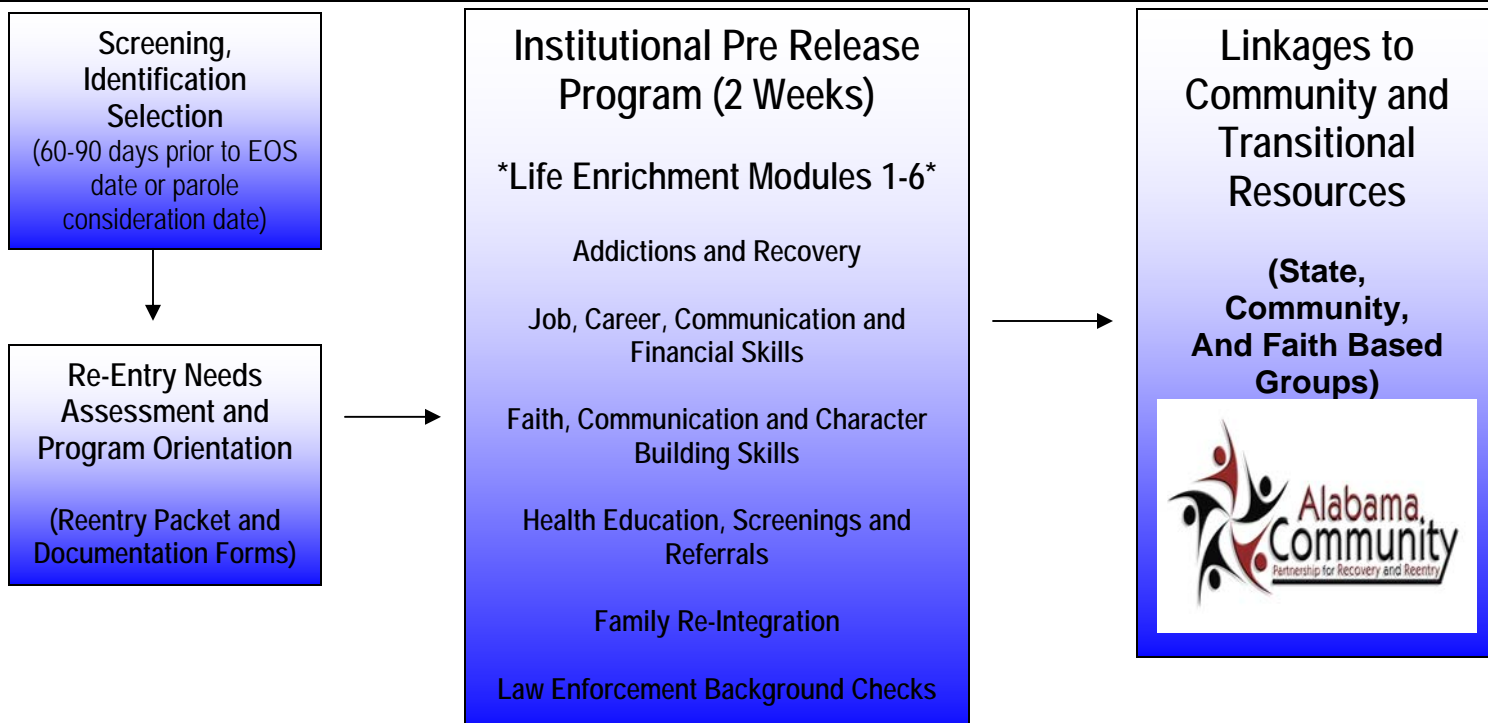
*Nutrition and Physical Fitness*

*Social Work Services*

*Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Certificates*

*For more information about accessing [medical screenings and referral services after release](#), please contact your county Health Department or Rural Health Clinic.*

# Navigating Inmates through the Institutional Re-Entry and Pre Release Programs



## Halfway Houses and Transitional Programs



### Aletheia House "Re-Entry Program"

This program offers supportive housing program for ex-prisoners who are re-entering society. The program assists with achieving a drug free life style, transitional housing, employment training/placement, transportation and continuing care groups.

For more information, please contact  
Billy McCauley, Community Outreach Worker  
201 Finley Avenue West  
Birmingham, AL 35204

### House of Hope "Women's Recovery House"

This is a 12-Step Based program designed to help women learn how to stay clean and maintain a drug free lifestyle. Must be 21 years of age or older, have a substance abuse problem and capable of maintaining a full time job.

For more information, please contact  
Kim Kilpatrick, Director  
6140 Hustleville Road  
Albertville, AL 35951

### Extended Family

*"A Support System for Family of Prisoners"*

The purpose of **Extended Family** is to show prisoners' families how to successfully adjust to a new way of life. The Extended Family Program offers an opportunity to meet other family members of prisoners, learn about community resources that help to achieve financial independence, emotional balance, physical fitness and spiritual growth.

For more information – please write to  
Laurie Clemons - P.O. Box 26 – Centre, AL 35960

### Alabama's Parenting Assistance Line (PAL)

A community service initiative aimed to provide free information, support and tools for parents throughout the State of Alabama to help make parenting more manageable. The PAL offers an opportunity to assist parents in talking through difficult situations with children and making responsible parenting decisions.

The Parenting Assistance Line (PAL) was developed through the University of Alabama  
1-866-962-2030